wad is a legal question which has been referred to Government by Land Revenue Commissioner. The question is under the considera- n of the Government and I expect to pass some definite orders in the tter before long.

You then complain that, in some cases, though under the rules only chs. could be realised by the *pakuthi* authorities as *tom-tom* fees, they one rupee and two rupees as they choose. That is a vague allega- which Government can do nothing. If you bring to the Revenue Commissioner any specific instance of such sation of excessive *tom-tom* fees, he would certainly e of it and hold an enquiry; and if he finds any person deal with him very severely.

laid that, instead of one notice, sometimes two notices are matter of fact, there is any case in which two or more een issued, it must be easy to prove it; and if any such ht to the notice of the Land Revenue Commissioner, he rious notice of it.

her suggestions will be carefully noted by Government.

nt of further concessions to Pulayas in the matter of grant- s for their habitation.

AYYAN KALI (*Nominated*) while thanking the Government veral concessions granted to the Pulayas in the matter of of lands said that the community had still some grievances to be d. Lands earmarked for registry in the names of depressed were often occupied by members of other communities, with the hat the occupied lands had to be registered in the names of the Even in respect of lands already registered under the concession- as, the rich and influential people of other communities set up and dragged the depressed classes to unnecessary litigation. He requested that orders might be issued prohibiting occupation of marked for registry to depressed classes and of lands already in their names by members of other communities.

re the passing of the existing Puduval Rules, survey charges in lands registered to depressed classes used to be remitted. But ose rules, such charges were being recovered. He requested that cession might be revived.

vevulty was being experienced by the depressed classes in tural loans. Orders should therefore be issued to grant on the security of the lands granted on concessional r, when concessional registries were ordered, a loan of at uld also be issued in each case.

litigation was launched against depressed classes by others as registered on concessional terms, no court fees should m the former.

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Lastly, it would appear that it had been decided that the lands comprised in survey numbers 327/1 and 320/1 of the Takazhi *pakuti* occupied by members of the Pulaya community, should be sold by auction. As such a course would be prejudicial to the occupants, the decision should be cancelled and the lands registered on concession terms to the Pulaya occupants.

In conclusion, the member also prayed for the appointment of a full-time Protector of the Depressed Classes.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Ayyan Kali, I am verglad to see that you recognise that the Government have done a great deal for the so-called depressed classes. In the matter of the assignment of lands, Government have reserved a large extent of land for registry in favour of the members of those classes. They have also granted several important concessions to members of these classes when lands are registered in their favour. One of your complaints was that, after such registry other people enter upon your land and that consequently you have sometimes to conduct litigation. You suggest that the Government should pass a rule that no person should enter upon the land which has been registered in the name of a member of the depressed classes. I do not think that is a matter which can so easily be done. Any person who enters upon a land which has already been registered would be doing so in his case not upon Government registry or grant but upon his independent right; and the Government cannot, by any executive order, direct that a person should not exercise his alleged rights which he holds independent of the Government. It is impossible, it seems to me, under any circumstances, to prohibit by a G. O. all litigation relating to the land. If there are cases where *puduval* lands which have been registered in favour of the members of the depressed classes have been in the possession of other people, who do not set up any independent claim, but merely purport to be in possession of the lands as *puduval* lands, when such cases are brought to notice, the Land Revenue Commissioner will see that the lands are given to the persons in whose names the registry is effected. This is the utmost that the Government can do in the matter.

The last thing you mentioned in your representation was that lands which have been occupied and improved upon by members of the depressed classes have now been ordered to be sold in auction instead of being registered in the names of the occupants. If there is any reference to any portion of the lands reserved for registry to depressed classes, certainly the Land Revenue Commissioner will look into the matter and see that the land is not auctioned. But if it really has been included in the reserved area, then a member of the depressed classes has in regard to that land to take the same position as any other subject of the State.

MEMBER: കൃഷിവാസ്തു വാങ്ങുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ ർ വളരെ കഷ്ടതകൾ അനുഭവിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

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DEWAN: As regards your point about loans, I do not see there is any difficulty even now for you to get loans under the Agricultural Loans Regulation and Rules. Once the land is registered in your name, it becomes your land, and you can offer that as security for the loan that you want to take.

MEMBER: അധഃകൃതവർഗ്ഗക്കാർക്ക് സൌജന്യമായി പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള വസ്തുക്കളെ കോടതിയിൽനിന്നും ലേലം ചെയ്യാതിരിക്കുന്നതിന ഒരു ചട്ടം ഏർപ്പെടുത്തണം.

DEWAN: The point that you have now raised regarding the provision restricting alienation does not seem to apply to involuntary alienations, that is to say, to sales in court auction. However, I will consider the point.

8. Assignment of lands to landless Hindu Pulayas.

MR. DAIVATTAN KUNJAN (*Nominated*). requested that the following lands might be registered in the names of Hindu Pulayas:

(1) An extent of 1·96 acres of land comprised in Survey No. 87/9 B/1 of the Vadakkekara pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk. It was for a very long time in the occupation of the Pulayas and was originally known as Pulakunnu. At the last settlement, it was treated as *poramboke* and since then it was known as Pulikunnu. The revenue authorities were taking steps under the Land Conservancy Regulation. It would be very hard if they were evicted as they would be rendered homeless. Further proceedings should be stopped pending a local inspection by the Dewan with a view to decide whether eviction was really necessary.

(2) 25 and odd acres of land comprised in Survey Nos. 80/1, 73/1, 74/1, 651/5 and 1/2 of the Ala pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk. Proceedings were in progress for registering the lands in the names of Pulayas; but others were trying to get the lands for themselves.

(3) 90 acres of land comprised in Survey Nos. 150/1, 165/1, 254/1 and 540/1 of the Kumbazha pakuthi, Pattanamtitta taluk. The land was ear-marked for registry in the names of Pulayas. But although many of them applied for its registry, no steps were taken on the applications.

The member also prayed that, for the communal purposes of the Pulaya inhabitants of Central Travancore, an extent of 300 acres from Survey No. 177/1 of the Ranni pakuthi, 300 acres from the Manimala pakuthi and 300 acres from the Peermade pakuthi might be registered in their names.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Daivattan Kunjan, your representations were made with special reference to particular survey numbers. I cannot now give you any answer with regard to the position of each of these survey numbers or the possibility or otherwise of registering those particular survey numbers to members of your community. But one thing I can tell you, and that is that lands which are in the occupation of members of the depressed classes will, according to the policy of the Government, be as far as possible registered to them.

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